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SUBJ: PREPARATION FOR JANUARY 1978 MEETING OF ECOSOC  
- WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES

REF: STATE 295704

1. MFA UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS  
AMBASSADOR WAFIK HOSNY MET WITH EMBOFF DEC 21 TO DISCUSS  
FIRST MEETING OF EXPANDED ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT  
PRACTICES. AMBASSADOR HOSNY LISTENED CAREFULLY TO POINTS  
CONTAINED PARA 1, ESPECIALLY U.S. CONCERN ABOUT QUORUM  
REQUIREMENTS OF RESOLUTION 2122. HOSNY REPLIED THAT GOE  
HAS NEVER HAD STRONG INTEREST IN WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT  
PRACTICES. EGYPT HAS NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN SAME KINDS OF  
PROBLEMS WHICH STIMULATED ESTABLISHMENT OF CORRUPT PRAC-  
TICES WG AND HAS GENERALLY FELT THAT IT DID NOT HAVE SIG-  
NIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN WG'S DELIBERATIONS. ADDITIONALLY,  
EGYPTIAN STAFFING AT UN MISSION HAS BEEN MUCH REDUCED;  
THEY, THEREFORE, HAVE TO REVIEW PARTICIPATION IN ALL UN-  
SPONSORED MEETINGS CAREFULLY BASED ON AVAILABLE MANPOWER  
AND PRIORITY FOR EGYPT OF SUBSTANCE INVOLVED.

2. BASED ON FACT THAT WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES  
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CONFLICTS WITH UNDP MEETING, GOE HAD ALREADY DECIDED NOT  
TO PARTICIPATE IN EXPANDED WORKING GROUP SET UP BY RESOLU-  
TION 2122. ON THE BASIS OF OUR APPROACH, HOWEVER, HOSNY  
SAID HE WOULD COMMUNICATE AGAIN WITH EGYPTIAN MISSION IN  
NEW YORK WITH REQUEST TO RESTUDY EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION.  
HE CAUTIONED THAT MANPOWER RESTRICTIONS MIGHT, HOWEVER,  
MEAN THAT EGYPT COULD NOT PARTICIPATE. HOSNY SAID HE

WOULD REPORT RESULTS OF HIS EXCHANGE WITH UN MISSION IN  
NEW YORK.

3. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS CLEARLY CONSIDER EXPANDED WORKING  
GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES AS MARGINAL TO THEIR INTERESTS,  
ESPECIALLY GIVEN MANPOWER CONSTRAINTS IN NEW YORK. BELIEVE,  
HOWEVER, THAT IF EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION ABSOLUTELY NECES-  
SARY TO MEET MINIMUM QUORUM REQUIREMENTS, WE MIGHT HAVE  
CHANCE TO PERSUADE THEM TO TAKE PART. PLEASE ADVISE.  
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